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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO MAY 7

GENEVA FOR CSCE DELEGATION; VIENNA FOR MBFR DELEGATION

1. YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING NAC ON  
SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO MAY 7:

2. AS WE HAD EARLIER REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL, GROMYKO HAD  
INDICATED A DESIRE TO MEET ONCE AGAIN WITH THE SECRETARY  
DURING HIS CURRENT MIDDLE EAST TRIP. THIS WAS WORKED OUT  
ON RATHER SHORT NOTICE AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIETS WHILE  
GROMYKO WAS IN DAMASCUS. WE AGREED ON CYPRUS AS A VENUE  
SO AS NOT TO GET TOO CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATING

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SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO ANY PARTICULAR COUNTRY.

3. THE MEETINGS LASTED THREE HOURS AND THE MAIN SUBJECT WAS OBVIOUSLY THE MIDDLE EAST. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE SOVIETS WILL NOT BE UNHELPFUL IN TERMS OF THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TALKS. THE MAIN POINT THAT THE SOVIETS SEEMED TO WANT TO MAKE, AS IN THEIR PREVIOUS INSISTENCE ON MEETING IN GENEVA, WAS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. THE COUNCIL SHOULD KNOW THAT THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT TALKS ARE STILL AT A VERY DIFFICULT STAGE AND THE OUTCOME IS STILL UNCERTAIN.

4. THE STATE OF OUR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WAS ONCE AGAIN REVIEWED IN THE GENERAL FIELD OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE NIXON-BREZHNEV SUMMIT MEETING. THERE WERE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT AREA.

5. THE SOVIETS ONCE AGAIN MADE THEIR PITCH FOR AN EARLY AND POSITIVE CONCLUSION TO THE CSCE MEETINGS AND ALSO INSISTED, OF COURSE, THAT THE THIRD STAGE SHOULD BE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. WE REPEATED OUR STANDARD POSITION ON THIS QUESTION AND AGAIN REMINDED THE SOVIETS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR MAKING SOME PROGRESS IN GIVING SUBSTANCE TO BASKET III IN ORDER TO OVERCOME WESTERN DOUBTS ABOUT THE VALUE OF A SUMMIT LEVEL MEETING.

6. BERLIN ISSUES DID NOT ARISE. RUSH

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